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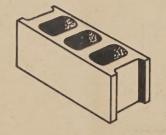
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The purpose of this publication is to help you "discover" Garrett County and the friendly people of Western Maryland who warmly welcome you and who are eager to be of service to you. Within the pages of this guide has been assembled information which will be of interest and assistance to you. It is your introduction to the natural wonders of Garrett County, and your key to a delightful vacation.

It is our sincere wish that your vacation in Garrett County will be one that you will remember with pleasure for years to come, and that you will return to our year-'round mountain top playground often!

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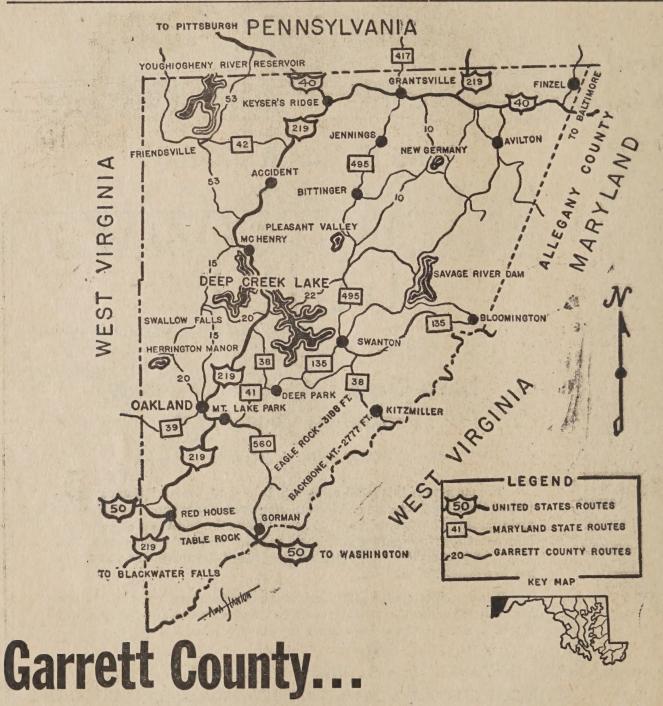
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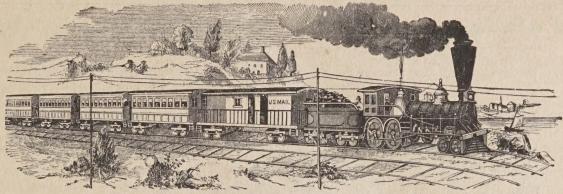




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The trend to this area as a vacation resort is divided into two definite periods. The first era in its popularity dates back three generations to the time when the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad first crossed the Alleghenies and the mountain climate invited travelers to tarry during summer months. The railroad saw possibilities of increasing its passenger traffic and, because few accommodations existed for travelers, the company built and operated large hotels in Deer Park and Oakland. These early resort hotels, typical of the architecture of that period, sprawled over the breeze-swept plateau and were surrounded by privately owned cottages of well-to-do families from cities along the railroad.

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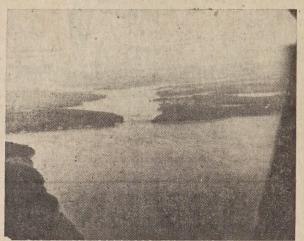
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The second stage of Garrett County's development as a summer resort began following the completion in 1925 of Deep Creek Lake as part of a hydro-electric project. The waters of the lake cover 4800 acres of what was once farmland and forest—the largest body of fresh water at the 2500 foot altitude level in the East.

Now the cool, envigorating climate was combined with an unlimited source of fun, frolic and relaxation, the basic ingredients for a vacationer's paradise. Cottages and motels popped up in profusion and the good news spread. . .vacationers coming from hundreds of miles to enjoy the rare combination. The plaguing heat of metropolitan areas ceased to be a problem solved once and for all by the refreshing mountain air.

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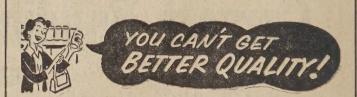
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The Deep Creek community, spread over 65 miles, is still in the process of growing. Hundreds of acres are yet to be developed. . . several miles of lush, virgin shoreline are just waiting for human inhabitants. New hard-top roads are now being built, opening isolated areas, tying in remote inlets that heretofore had been accessible only by boat.

Motels and guest accommodations are undergoing growing pains, too, and every effort is being made to take care of the increasing number of vacationers, not only for the fun-packed summer and fall seasons, but the winter as well. Skiers from all over the East are finding Marsh Mountain Ski Slope a thrilling challenge

and flock to the mountain top for the three-month season.

The Maryland State Department of Forests and Parks has added greatly to facilities for picnickers, fishermen, and swimmers in the newly created Deep Creek Lake Park situated north of Glendale Bridge. Overnight camping areas are being readied for all who prefer to "rough it" in tents.

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Imagine this huge expanse of skyblue water, closer to the sky by more than 2,500 feet than the ocean itself . . . surrounded on all sides by interesting wooded terrain dotted with public resorts and private cottages of all types —from rugged camping sites to luxurious motels. You'll have the time of your life on Deep Creek Lake, and there are





activities aplenty to appeal to every taste and budget. Fast speedboat rides . . . leisurely sailing . . . happy hours with rod and line . . . perfect days just exploring its interesting coves and inlets, in your own boat, or in one of the many offered for rental at reasonable rates by any of a number of lakeside establishments.

Folks on Deep Creek Lake are prepared to make your vacation a memorable one. Many persons have visited the lake once—have returned again and again—and finally have decided to buy property and vacation permanently at this "seashore in the mountains."



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There's plenty of opportunity for self-conducted excursions, making Deep Creek Lake the base of operations. Some of the nearby attractions you will enjoy visiting include the Savage River Dam—a huge flood control project located in the Savage River State Forest. There's opportunity here for picnicking and fishing in nearby streams.

Another flood control project is just a few miles across the Pennsylvania line. The Youghiogheny Dam made it necessary to move an entire town, and today only the foundations of the homes of a once-thriving community can be seen during periods of low water.

In driving by the lake, your attention will probably be called to a place near McHenry, where you may exclaim, "I never saw so many boats in one spot!" That's Bowman's Boat Anchorage, and most of these boats belong to people who do not own property on the lake but who love to buzz up for week-ends and enjoy relief

from the sticky heat of the city . . . out on the lake.

A circle tour from the lake that provides much scenic interest is from Route 50 south of Oakland through Kitzmiller, on Route 38. This is an excellent road with very little traffic and affords breath-taking panoramic scenes from the crest of Backbone Mountain, close to Maryland's highest point. Upon reaching Route 38, stop for a moment to see the "Devil's Saddle" from the parking area. From Table Rock you can look into three states.

In the northern end of the county, a tour from the lake would take you north on Route 219, to Keyser Ridge, the intersection with U. S. Route 40. Following this road east to Grantsville, a turn right onto Route 495 leads through the heart of the turkey and maple sugar country and affords some interesting views of lake inlets. You'll return to Deep Creek over the Glendale Bridge.

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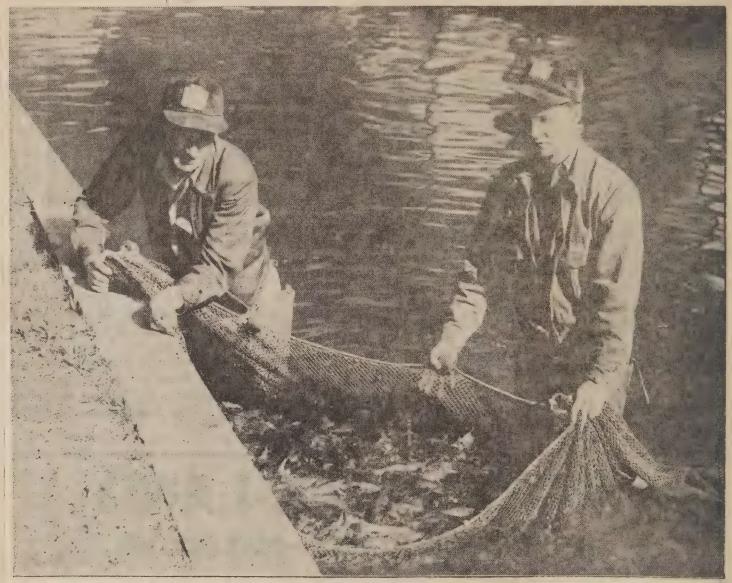


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Slightly off the well traveled roads, one of Garrett County's unusual attractions is often overlooked by visitors, and even many natives have never visited the Bear Creek Trout Hatchery and Rearing Station.

The Hatchery, which was acquired by the State Conservation Commission in 1928, is reached from Route 219, between Accident and the Cove. Here, in large connecting ponds, trout and other species are raised, the fish being moved progressively from one concrete pond to another as their size increases. During the summer months, regular visiting hours are maintained for the convenience of the public.

Each year approximately 20,000 nine to 12 inch adult rainbow, brown and brook trout are raised for the stocking of streams in Garrett County. Five concrete pools and a rearing pond, together with resident house, garage and refrigerated building provide the facilities for this important business.

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Good Fish Management Is Paying Off (Continued From Page 10)

Some of the streams stocked with trout from Bear Creek are Savage River, Crabtree Run, Middle Fork, Poplar Lick, Buffalo Run, New Germany, Sand Run, Red Oak Run, Glade Run, Potomac River, Piney Run, Red Run, Puzzley Run, Big Yough, Little Yough, Wolf Den, Cherry Creek, Murley Run and Bull Glade Run.

Deep Creek Lake is also the recipient of both a large number and large variety of fish, resulting in an increased harvest each year. The Great Northern Pike and Chain Pickerel were introduced recently to bring the Yellow Perch under control and provide sporting catches as well. Walleyes and striped Rock Bass have also thrilled many an angler since their introduction to Deep Creek waters.

In 1956, the Deep Creek Lake-Garrett County Promotion Council purchased 50,000 legal-size Rainbows which, in addition to those stocked by state agencies, are bringing the fish population to the desirable proportion and quantity.

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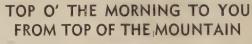
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keeps check on what's going on under the clear, blue waters and gives an insight for future planning. Over a million eggs of the Great Northern Pike are being cultured for release in the near future.

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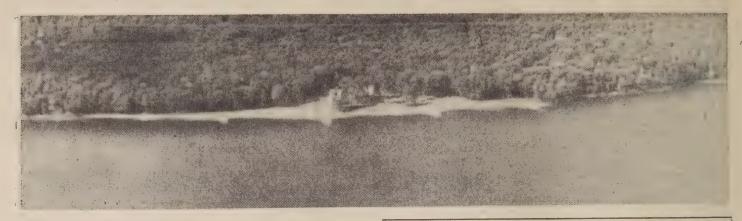
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Apart from the usual activities around the water swimming, basking in the sun, fishing, or just snoozing under a tree, the vigorous sport of hiking is attracting many of the out-of-doors type. No finer view of Deep Creek Lake can be had than from the top of Meadow Mountain, assessible only by "shank's mare", up a rough and exciting trail. From the steps of the fire tower you'll gain a new perspective of the magnitude of this sprawling body of water not readily obtained by skirting its shores in a boat or automobile.

Consult the map of Deep Creek area on page 32 of your Vacation Guide for directions on how to get to the new park. Roads signs will guide you once you locate its general vicinity—it's situated almost due north of Glendale Bridge.



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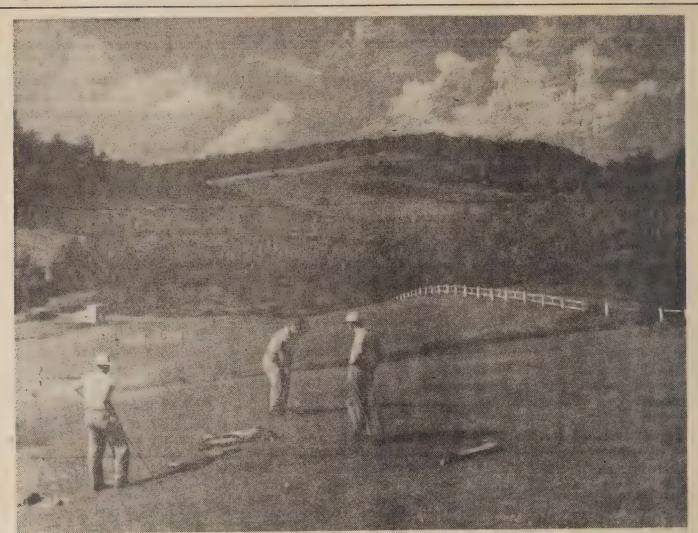
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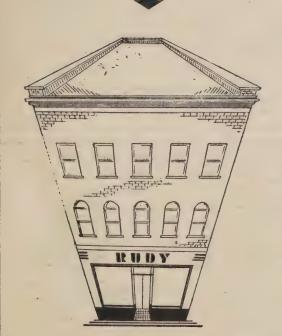
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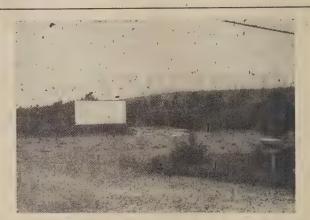
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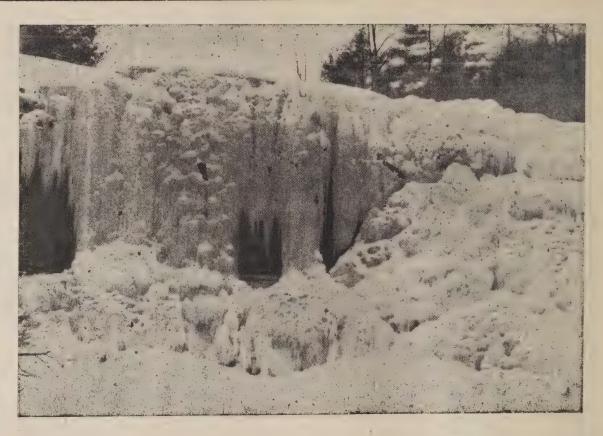
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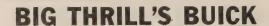
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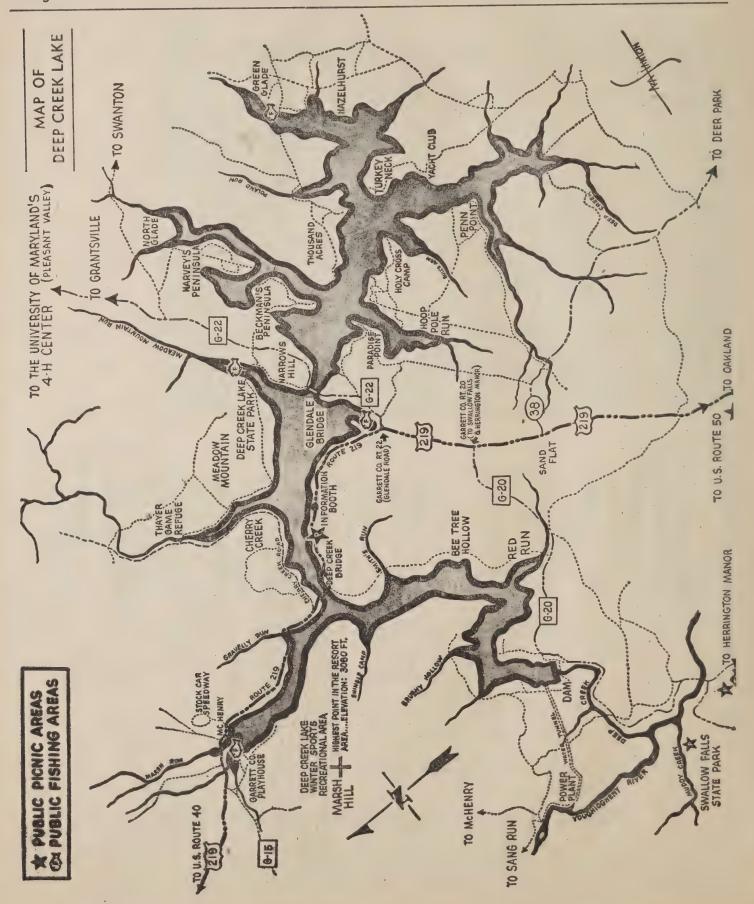
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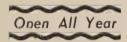
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The mountain-top climate makes the area well suited to the production of hay, pasture grasses and legumes. In recent years, an extensive business has been built up on the production of cool-weather vegetables such as cauliflower, lettuce and broccoli. Last year, cucumbers were raised successfully for the first time in commercial quantities.

Rainfall averages 46 inches per year and is nor-

mally well distributed throughout the growing season.

While still important, maple syrup production has declined somewhat because many of the groves were over-aged and have been cut. Not too long ago the bulk of the local maple syrup was shipped in large drums to Vermont, where it was no doubt repackaged and sold as Vermont maple syrup. Now, almost all of it is retailed by the producers. The quality of the syrup is good and demand usually exceeds the supply.

There are good markets for milk, with bulk receiving plants being conveniently located at Oakland. Weekly auction sales at Accident, Grantsville and Terra Alta, W. Va., provide adequate outlets for live stock.

Practically all farms in the county are owner-operated. This results in a stable farm population and a slow rate of change in a farm ownership. The condition of the farming industry is described as healthy—and there is every indication that it will stay that way.

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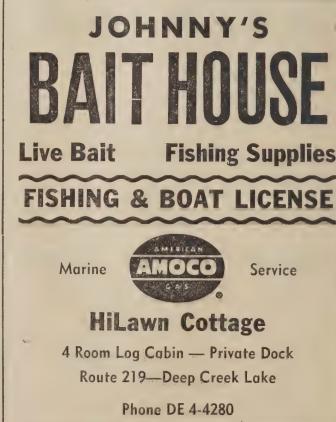
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Increased attention to both type and feeding of turkeys has made them even more flavorful.

An active group of turkey growers meets monthly. Garrett County Turkey Growers is an organization whose purpose is to promote the sale of Garrett County turkeys and exchange ideas of management as well as marketing. The group has a trade mark in three colors, torn open to reveal a turkey. Under the shield is a ribbon garland streamer bearing the following in two rows: "GARrett County, MaryLAND". The GAR and LAND are in distinguishing colors. This produces the



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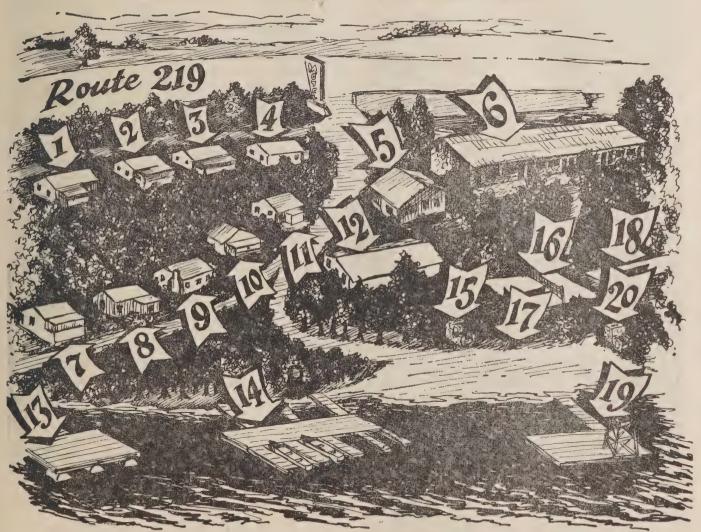
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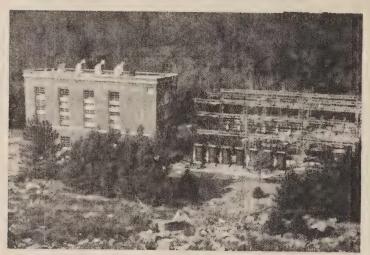
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Long a dream with producer Gene Yell, the Garrett County Playhouse became a reality in 1955 when it opened to an enthusiastic audience in the theatre on the shores of beautiful Deep Creek Lake.

Since then its fame has grown tremendously in New York, now actors and actresses compete for the opportunity of being in this summer stock company. The basic company is, and has been made up of graduates from Gene Yell's drama classes at the University of New Mexico. For ten years Mr. Yell has taught and directed in the Drama Department of the U. N. M. and the nucleus of his stock company is his ex-students.

For even longer, though, he had hoped to bring theatre entertainment to Garrett County. Some twelve years ago he became a regular "summer visitor" to this area. (His wife had been one for twenty years.)

He realized then that Garrett County and Deep Creek Lake needed some additional evening recreation and what could be more appropriate than good theatre? Summer stock theatres have long been a feature of





Gene Yell, Director Garrett County, Playhouse

many eastern resorts and Deep Creek Lake offered a most attractive site. The Garrett County Playhouse is now one of the landmarks along its shores.

The Gene Yell's country home, just south of Oakland, provide an ideal spot to house and rehearse the acting company. Visitors to Garrett County are most welcome to drop in and visit with the actors and actresses during the day. (Note: get directions in Oakland before attempting the four mile trip. People have been known to wander along our back roads for hours before finding "Hemlock Hollow").

This year the Garrett County Playhouse will offer eight plays in response to popular demand for a longer season and each one different in mood to appeal to all tastes. Garrett County Citizens have adopted the Playhouse as their very own and every leading civic organization is involved in the advance subscription sale. A percentage of the receipts is retained by these clubs for use in their civic work.

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At the Guy S. Stanton farm near Grantsville, the "sugaring" season is just beginning. The first end-of-winter thaw has arrived on schedule.

At the first sign of thaw Mr. Stanton and his men set out for the groves of majestic maples with stacks of "keelers" and a box of "spiles." With braces and bits the men bore holes in the trees two or three feet above the ground. They hammer a spile into each hole and hang a keeler on it. Then the keeler, a four-gallon metal or white pine pail, is covered with a piece of galvanized tin. When the weather is right the sugar water from the tree will fill the keeler in about 24 hours. The water is hauled to the "sugar camp" in the "sugar wagon" (pictured above.) At the sugar camp the sugar water is boiled in huge vats until the proper specific gravity is reached. About thirty gallons of water taken from the tree is required to produce one gallon of maple syrup. 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

After it is boiled the syrup is filtered and barrelled for shipment. Until a few years ago Mr. Stanton and other Garrett County producers would ship most of their product out of the state to be used for commercial purposes, or canned in New England. Nowadays, Garrett County syrup producers package it themselves, using their own label.

Garrett County maple syrup is considered to be the finest quality available and the comparatively small quantity produced is gone within a few weeks.

Sugaring time in Garrett County ends when the "sugar maples" begin to bud and the sap begins to flow. In a few days buds give the trees a rusty look. The season breaks suddenly. By the time all the keelers and spiles are stored away the beautiful hillside groves are covered with a lush green carpet and wild flowers are flourishing. Song birds are nesting in the branches of the grand old trees which a few weeks ago were producing the sweet water from which America would soon obtain part of her favorite breakfast—pancakes and maple syrup!

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Winter's cold is just as thoroughly appreciated as a balmy day in May, because cold means snow, snow means skiing, and if you haven't tried skiing, brother, you haven't really lived!

Marsh Mountain, which presides majestically over the north end of Deep Creek Lake, is the scene of activity for this thrilling winter sport. Skiers by the thousands have tried the slope, returning week after week to dote on the exhilaration that goes with every inch of the 2,000 foot run. A tow expedites their climb to the top . . . then down! Gliding swiftly, weaving, turning, speeding toward the bottom, they relish every moment of thrills.

Until three years ago, Marsh Mountain was just another mountain, quite without fame. Its only peculi-





arity was its northern exposure and the fact that it had snow on its face much longer than did its brothers. Armed with this obvious potential for a ski resort, members of the Deep Creek Lake-Garrett County Promotion Council went to work with picks, shovels and bulldozers, clearing the mountain side and smoothing the ground. They installed a tow and later added another for beginners. They put up snow fences at strategic spots to capture more snow and, for the times the weather failed to cooperate, they installed a snow making machine that turns out an inch an hour. The equipment required a reservoir for water, so they built that too, and it serves as an excellent ice skating rink.

Flood lights were installed to add a few more hours to the skiers' unusually short day. A warmup hut with refreshment bar and an equipment shop were erected to revive the starving skiers and mend their gear.

The slope is carefully supervised by members of the Western Maryland Ski Club who patrol the area and lend immediate assistance in case of an injury. The Club also shares its knowledge of the skiing art and offers instruction to the novice. In conjunction with the Promotion Council, the Ski Club sponsors the annual ski races and arranges competition in slalom and downhill events that are attracting entrants from over a

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only \$24.00. The plan was enthusiastically received, and many hundreds of skiers have used it again and again.

In addition to the railroad's facilities, it's easy to reach Marsh Mountain by automobile. From Route 50 turn north at the junction of Route 219 at Red House and from Route 40 turn south at the junction of Route 219 at Keyser Ridge. Efficient state and county road crews keep highways open in all kinds of weather.

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Whenever a sport involves a great amount of skill to master it ... and skiing assuredly does. . .a contest to determine just who has mastered it best is the inevitable result. Such is the case at Marsh Mountain and the Maryland State Ski Championships which, in its first year, proved to be nothing less than sensational.

Promoted by the Western Maryland Ski Club, the event attracted nearly one hundred entries, youngsters and oldsters alike, in downhill and slalom competition. Participants and specators shared the same anxieties, the same breathless moments as each skier flashed down the slope, some topping 60 miles an hour in the downhill run! Successful skiers of the challenging slalom course were afforded around of applause from the crowd, while those who had trouble getting through the tricky gates received a great deal of vocal encouragement to help speed them on their way.

Such a thrilling debut of skill and courage promptly earned big red letters in Garrett County's calendar of year 'round events. Plans for next season's meet are already in the making. Announcements of date will be sent to newspapers, radio and TV in the 200-mile radius of the county in plenty of time for you to arrange this big event in your winter schedule.



Gail Naylor, Oakland, second from left, finished first in the Junior Slalom for girls under 16. On the left is Mary Jo Ikler, Pittsburg, third; while to the right of the winner are Cathy Newdorp, Arlington, Va., and Gail's younger sister, Beth Naylor.



Joseph Hutchinson, Pittsburgh, second from right, took first place in the junior slalom for boys under 16. Jim Gibson, Oakland, second, Kenneth Jones, Oakland, third; and Ronald Hubbard, Jr., Alexandria, Va., fourth.

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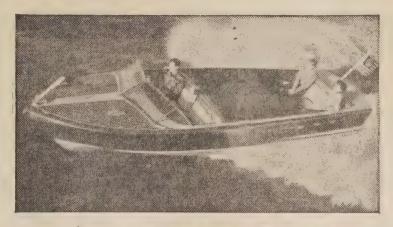


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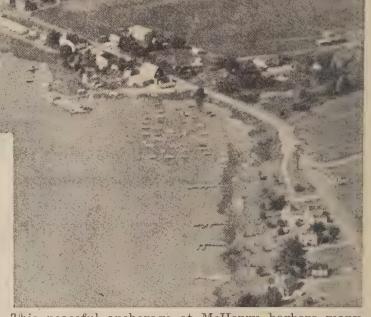
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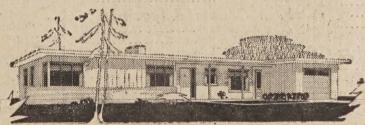
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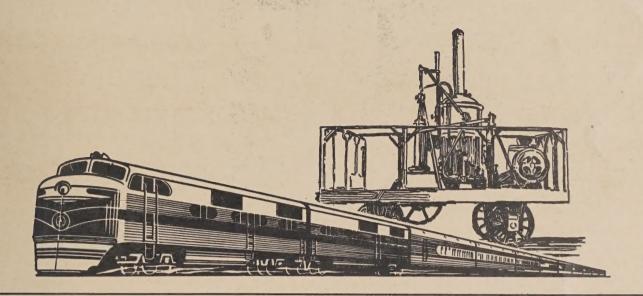
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